

by millions and millions of dollars in every part of the country.

The bill directly undermines key welfare reforms passed by Congress in the nineties that got people off welfare and back to work. In fact, under provisions in the bill, States are actually incentivized to put more people on welfare.

Not to mention the pork: \$4.8 million for a polar bear exhibit, \$3 million for golf carts, \$150 million for honey bee insurance, and on and on.

This isn't much about creating jobs; it is massive government spending. First the bailout, now the so-called stimulus. Enough is enough.

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COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

(Mr. BACA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BACA. I believe that the stimulus package is very important for working families. And we must pass this bill on behalf of the American people. But our Nation is in desperate need of comprehensive immigration reform, as well. Politicians have used the immigration issue as white noise for every important bill that is brought up here in the House. We can keep dancing around the problems. We need real reform with border enforcement that also addresses the 14 million undocumented people living here in this country.

Just yesterday, The Washington Post reported that local counties in the area are stepping up their collaboration with ICE. This will only be creating more fear and dividing our communities and our families. This is why we cannot use a wide brush to paint a solution to deal with the immigration issues. We must not forget that we're talking about families, not just numbers and statistics.

I urge my colleagues to help these families and join me in working towards real comprehensive immigration reform. I ask President Obama and Speaker NANCY PELOSI to address this issue of comprehensive immigration.

DEFENDING THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Today Congress will begin to consider, under the guise of stimulus, what will amount to the largest spending bill since the Second World War. As millions of Americans have come to realize, this spending bill is not so much about creating jobs as it is about creating more government and more debt. Senator CHUCK SCHUMER referred to the "porky" elements of this bill. And we're learning about millions of dollars for golf carts. And this morning we learned about millions of dollars to protect San Francisco mice.

But I don't rise this morning to debate the bill, Madam Speaker, so much as to defend the public's right to know. Just a few short days ago, Congress unanimously voted to post the so-called stimulus bill on the Internet for 48 hours to let the American people judge for themselves. I rise to challenge my colleagues in the Democrat majority, slow this process down. Post this bill on the Internet. Let the American people see this so-called stimulus bill in all of its details and they can decide whether we're creating jobs or just more government and more debt.

SCHOOL FUNDING

(Mr. WALZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALZ. Madam Speaker, you hear everyone in this body talking about strengthening our economy, leading in innovation and creating that entrepreneurial spirit. But to do this, there is one thing we must do to ensure a solid base for our economic future, and that is to provide the best education possible for our children.

Like most States, my State of Minnesota is facing a severe budget crisis. Without Federal assistance, the largest community in my district, Rochester, Minnesota, will have to cut up to 35 teachers. That is home of the famous Mayo Clinic, which is also a place that uses research on mice to cure some of the most debilitating diseases in this country. What it means to our local schools is that students will get less time to become those researchers of the future and less attention from their teachers.

I recently watched a video from my district from the United South Central Schools showing children entering a crumbling literally 1932 building. I know in my 20 years of teaching, children do much better when they're in a safe and efficient environment. We're going to get the opportunity to invest in America's future, to invest in that economy and to invest in those children. The stabilization money will do exactly that. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" for America's future.

OPPOSE THE STIMULUS PLAN

(Mr. LUETKEMEYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I'm acutely aware that many folks in the Ninth Congressional District of Missouri are hurting. They're contacting me every day about the challenges they're facing. They're worried about keeping their jobs and providing for their families. But those same people are telling me that this so-called "stimulus package" is not the answer. I'm hearing from 49 percent of my people that are saying "no" to this massive spending bill. And the other 51 percent are saying "heck no."

It is time to cut up our Nation's taxpayer-funded credit card and get our

fiscal house in order. The Republican alternative plan creates twice as many jobs at half the cost. There is a better plan. The people of the Ninth Congressional District of Missouri sent me here to make tough decisions on their behalf. They also sent me here to make good decisions. That is why I simply refuse to spend taxpayer money irresponsibly. And I refuse to saddle our citizens and families with more debt.

VOTE FOR THE STIMULUS BILL

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, on this day of celebration and commemoration of the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln, a man of conviction and conscience and patriotism, I'm proud to be able to say that this Congress will have a historic opportunity to put their special interests aside and vote for the American people. Vote for the 3 to 4 million jobs saved or made. Vote for the 269,000 jobs that were made in the State of Texas. Vote for the 7,000-plus jobs in the 18th Congressional District in Houston. Vote for the opportunity to modernize and repair our schools, to ensure that the broken roads and freeways will be repaired and to put men to work such as the gentleman that I met in my district in an unemployment office who had 17 years of experience in heavy equipment and couldn't find a job. Vote for those who need a more improved medical system. And vote for those who want extensive research in renewable energy.

I'm proud to stand alongside of the history of Abraham Lincoln, the history that points to others and not to self. Voting for this bill recognizes the needs of Americans who are outside the Beltway begging for us to do something. I'm proud to stand with them.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

(Mr. DUNCAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, on the 200th birthday of our great President, Abraham Lincoln, I rise to pay tribute to his accomplishments. But primarily I want to tell my colleagues and others about Tennessee's great Lincoln Memorial University.

General Howard, President Lincoln's main military adviser, said the President told him that the people of east Tennessee had been loyal to the Union, and he wanted to form a school for them. Remembering Lincoln's words, General Howard formed LMU in 1897. Today, the university is reaching new heights. It has the Nation's newest medical school, and it is in the process of forming a new law school. Its main campus is in a beautiful setting in Harrogate, Tennessee, but it has very large